

Amendment to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 9, and 21, and add new claim 23 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A foot protection device, comprising:
 - an exterior cover;
 - an opening through which a foot is inserted;
 - an anterior hole and a posterior hole provided on a sole portion;
 - five toe insert parts with five toe holes provided on a toe portion, wherein each of the five toe holes is provided at an end of each of the five toe insert parts to expose toes; and
 - ankle securing means provided at an end portion of an ankle portion,wherein each of the five toe insert parts extends toward each of the five toe holes to cover at least a part of each of five toes.
2. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - an upper piece having four first cut parts in between the five toe insert parts; and
 - a lower piece having four second cut parts in between the five toe insert parts.
3. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - an instep protective cover attached to a top surface of an instep portion of the exterior cover.
4. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - an ankle protective cover attached to a top surface of the ankle portion.
5. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 3, further comprising:

a cushioning layer provided between the exterior cover and the instep protective cover in order to absorb shock.

6. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 3, wherein the instep protective cover extends toward the toe portion.

7. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 3, wherein the instep protective cover extends toward the toe portion and the ankle portion.

8. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 4, further comprising:

a cushioning layer provided between the exterior cover and the ankle protective cover in order to absorb shock.

9. (Currently amended) The foot protection device according to claim 4, wherein the ankle protective cover comprises a plurality of layers, the foot protection device further comprising:

a cushioning layer provided between the plurality of layers of the ankle protective cover to absorb shock;

~~wherein the ankle protective cover has a two-folded structure.~~

10. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 4, wherein the ankle protective cover comprises:

a coupling part fixed to the ankle portion of the exterior cover; and

a flap extended from the coupling part to cover a portion between an instep portion and the ankle portion while the flap is not fixed to the exterior cover.

11. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 5, wherein air holes are provided on the cushioning layer.

12. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 1, wherein the ankle securing means comprises:

an elastic band provided at an end portion of the ankle portion; and
fastening means provided on both surfaces of the elastic band.

13. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 12, wherein the both surfaces on which the fastening means is provided fasten tightly when pressed together and are easily pulled apart by force.

14. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 12, wherein a cut part is provided below the elastic band where the fastening means are provided to enlarge the opening when the foot is inserted into the opening.

15. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 1, wherein sides of the five toe insert parts are made of an elastic material different from that of the exterior cover such that the sides have higher elasticity than the exterior cover.

16. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 8, wherein the ankle protective cover comprises:

a coupling part fixed to the ankle portion of the exterior cover; and
a flap extended from the coupling part to cover a portion between an instep portion and the ankle portion while the flap is not fixed to the exterior cover.

17. (Previously presented) The foot protection device according to claim 9, wherein the ankle protective cover comprises:

a coupling part fixed to the ankle portion of the exterior cover; and
a flap extended from the coupling part to cover a portion between an instep portion and the ankle portion while the flap is not fixed to the exterior cover.

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21. (Currently amended) A protective footwear comprising:
an upper piece covering at least an instep portion of a foot and having first cut parts between toes;
a lower piece covering at least a sole portion of the foot and having second cut parts between toes;
an opening through which a foot is inserted;
an anterior hole and a posterior hole provided on the lower piece;
toe insert parts provided at each toe portion and having toe holes at ends of each of the toe insert parts to expose toes; and
ankle securing means provided at an end of an ankle portion,
wherein the upper piece and the lower piece are joined together into an exterior cover, and the first cut parts and the second cut parts are coupled into the toe insert parts,
wherein each of the toe insert parts extends toward each of the toe holes to cover at least a part of each of five toes.

22. (Previously presented) The protective footwear of claim 21, wherein the ankle securing means is connected to the exterior cover by sewing or adhesive bonding.

23. (New) The foot protection device according to claim 9, wherein the ankle protective cover has a two-folded structure such that the cushioning layer is provided between two layers of the ankle protective cover.